

Remarks**Claim rejections 35 USC § 102**

The Office Action states that the arguments which applicants made in relation to claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13-18 and 19-21 are considered moot in view of the supposed “new grounds of rejection”. The sole ground of rejection is alleged anticipation under 35 USC 102 (e) by Mustafa Patent Publication No. 2002/0059378. This is precisely the same ground of rejection, however, as that on which the last office action was based. There is thus no new ground of rejection and applicants’ earlier arguments were not moot.

The earlier office action contained an erroneous listing of claim features, and this was pointed out in the previous response. In order to accelerate matters somewhat, the previous response directed the Examiner to specific features of the (correct) independent claims which were not disclosed by Mustafa.

It seems that the rejection of claim 1 in the latest office action has been arrived at simply by substituting the correct claim wording into the earlier rejection. The argument, and the passages of Mustafa relied on, however, have not been changed at all. This is most surprising since the claim integers identified as features (i) and (ii) are so different from those which the Examiner sought to reject in the earlier office action. The paragraphs from Mustafa relied on by the Examiner quite simply have no relevance to the claims currently on file (just as was pointed out in applicants’ last response).

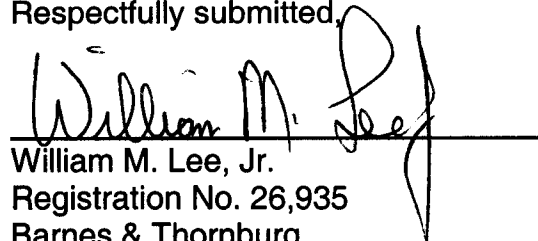
For completeness, it is pointed out that nothing in Mustafa discloses “maintaining a record of an association between stored web pages and pre-specified information identifying one or more potential call members”. The Examiner’s argument alleges that paragraphs 0032, 0036-37, 0052, 0053 disclose “accessing web pages on line”. Applicants agree with that assessment but point out that feature (i) does not recite “accessing web pages online”.

Similarly, as pointed out in applicants' last response, the wording of feature (ii) is: "when said call is in progress, identifying a member of said call and selecting one of the stored web pages based on an association in said record between said selected one of the stored web pages and information identifying said member of said call". The Examiner argues that paragraphs 0032, 0033 and 0041 of Mustafa disclose "the agent and client connected on the phone and directly on the Internet, viewing the same web pages". Once again, applicants agree with that assessment but point out that feature (ii) does not recite "the agent and client connected on the phone and directly on the Internet, viewing the same web pages".

Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims clearly distinguish over Mustafa, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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